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Dear Examiner Barron,

*By Fax***Re : Informal communication-Double Patenting Rejection**

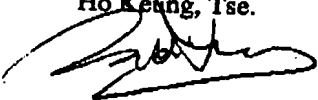
Regarding the double patenting rejection as readable on the Office Action dated Dec., 05, 2000, P.3, section 9, I would like to ask if I can overcome it by abandoning the mother application 08/587,448 and withdrawing priority claim of the present application therefrom, rather than filing a terminal disclaimer form as suggested in the Office Action, P.4, section 10.

Further, if I do so, will there be a long delay, such as, several months, for the Office to have a decision on the application ? Pls understand that it is more important for me to have the patent be issued ASAP and if it will cause such a long delay, I will file the terminal disclaimer form as suggested.

I would also want to know if such a delay is already inevitable, owing to the filing of NEW CLAIM 21. If it is, then I think I shall have to abandon the mother application 08/587,448 and withdraw the priority claim, if in doing so I can overcome the rejection.

I shall contact you next week for your answers. With regards,

Ho Keung, Tse.



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